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First Amendment

The Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
Sir:

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Responsive to the Office Action dated 4 December 2001, paper no. 7, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 12, 14 and 15 as follows:

A¹ device
1. A feeding and picking device for feeding and picking a standing agricultural crop wherein individual plants in the crop are provided with plant stalks, the device comprising a rotating feeding device having a feeding radius, the rotating feeding element grasp plant stalks and directs the plant stalks to a picking device which separates useable parts from the plant stalks, a chopping device chops the plant stalks, the chopping device has a chopping radius that overlaps the feeding radius of the feeding device.

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5. The feeding and picking device as defined by claim 1 wherein the chopping device has a chopping axis and the feeding axis of the feeding device correspond to one another.

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12. The feeding and picking device as defined by claim 11 wherein the chopping device has a chopping axis and the feeding axis of feeding device are approximately parallel to one another.

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14. The feeding and picking device as defined by claim 13 wherein the chopping device rotates in a chopping direction and the feeding device rotates in a feeding direction, the chopping direction and the feeding direction are identical.